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*Rules and Orders for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy*, &c.

1. THAT the Augmentations to be made by the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be by the way of Purchaſe, and not by the way of Penſion.

2. That the ſtated Sum to be allow'd to each Cure which ſhall be Augmented, be 200 *l.* to be inveſted in a Purchaſe, at the Expence of the Corporation.

3. That the Governors ſhall begin with Augmenting thoſe Cures that do not exceed the Value of 10 *l. per Ann.* and ſhall Augment no other, till thoſe have all received our Bounty of 200 *l.* except in the Caſes and according to the Limitations hereafter named.

4. That in order to encourage Benefactions from others, and thereby the ſooner to compleat the Good that was intended by our Bounty, the Governors may give the ſaid Sum of 200 *l.* to Cures not exceeding 35 *l. per Annum*, where any Perſons will give the ſame, or greater Sum, or Value in Lands or Tythes.

5. That the Governors ſhall every Year between *Chriſtmas* and *Eaſter*, cauſe the Account of what Money they have to diſtribute that Year to be Audited, and when they know the Sum, publick Notice ſhall be given in the *Gazette*, or ſuch other way as ſhall be judged proper, That they have ſuch a Sum to diſtribute in ſo many Shares; And that they will be ready to apply thoſe Shares to ſuch Cures as want the ſame, and are by the Rules of the Corporation qualified to receive them; where any Perſons will add the like or greater Sum to it, or the Value in Lands or Tythes, for any ſuch particular Cure.

6. That if ſeveral Benefactors offer themſelves, the Governors ſhall firſt comply with thoſe that offer moſt.

7. Where the Sums offer'd by other Benefactors are equal, the Governors ſhall always prefer the poorer Living.

8. Where the Cures to be Augmented are of equal Value, and the Benefactions offer'd by others are equal, there, they ſhall be preferr'd that firſt offer.

9. Provided nevertheleſs, that the Preference ſhall be ſo far given to Cures not exceeding 10 *l. per Annum*, that the Governors ſhall not apply above One third Part of Money they have to diſtribute that Year, to Cures exceeding that Value.

10. Where the Governors have expected till *Michaelmas* what Benefactors will offer themſelves, then no more Propoſals ſhall be received for that Year; but if any Money remain after that to be diſpoſed of, in the firſt place Two or more of the Cures in the Gift of the Crown, not exceeding 10 *l. per Ann.* ſhall be Choſen by Lot, to be Augmented preferably to all others: The preciſe Number of theſe to be ſetled by a General Court, when an exact Liſt of them ſhall be brought in to the Governors.

11. As for what ſhall remain of the Money to be diſpoſed of after that, a Liſt ſhall be taken of all the Cures in the Church of *England*, not exceeding 10 *l. per Annum*; and ſo many of them be Choſen by Lot, as there ſhall remain Sums of 200 *l.* for their Augmentation.

12. When all the Cures not exceeding 10 *l. per Annum* ſhall be ſo Augmented, the Governors ſhall then proceed to Augment thoſe of greater Value, according to ſuch Rules as ſhall at any time hereafter be propoſed by them, and approved by us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, under our or their Great Seal.

13. That all Charitable Gifts, in real or perſonal Eſtates, made to the Corporation, ſhall be ſtrictly applied, according to the particular Direction of the Donor or Donors thereof, where the Donor ſhall give particular Directions for the Diſpoſition thereof: And where the Gift ſhall be generally to the Corporation, without any ſuch particular Direction, the ſame ſhall be apply'd, as the reſt of the Fund or Stock of the Corporation is to be applied.

14. That a Book ſhall be kept, wherein ſhall be Entred all the Subſcriptions, Contributions, Gifts, Devices or Appointments, made or given, of any Moneys, or of any Real or Perſonal Eſtate whatſoever, to the Charity mentioned in the Charter, and the Names of the Donors thereof, with the Particulars of the Matters ſo given; the ſame Book to be kept by the Secretary of the Corporation.

15. That a Memorial of the Benefactions and Augmentations made to each Cure, ſhall, at the Charge of the Corporation, be ſet up in Writing on a Stone to be fixed in the Church of the Cure ſo to be encreaſed, there to remain in perpetual Memory thereof.

16. When the Treaſurer ſhall have received any Sum of Money for the Uſe of the Corporation, he ſhall, at the next General Court to be holden after ſuch Receipt, lay an Account thereof before the Governors, who may Order and Direct the ſame to be placed out for the Improvement thereof, upon ſome publick Fund or other Security, till they have an Opportunity of laying it out in proper Purchaſes, for the Augmentation of Cures.

17. That the Treaſurer do Account Annually before ſuch a Committee of the Governors, as ſhall be appointed by a General Court of the ſaid Corporation, who ſhall audit and ſtate the ſame; and the ſaid Account ſhall be Entred in a Book to be kept for that purpoſe, and ſhall be laid before the next General Court after ſuch Stating; the ſame to be there re-examined and determined.

18. The Perſons whoſe Cures ſhall be augmented, ſhall pay no manner of Fee or Gratification to any of the Officers or Servants of this Corporation.

*Stockholm, February* 23. *N. S.* Some Days ago an Expreſs arrived here from Turky, and brought the following Orders from the King. 1ſt, That in caſe the Senate had already conven'd the States of the Kingdom; they ſhould be immediately diſſolv'd. 2dly, His Majeſty commands that the Taxes ſhould be rais'd this Year upon the ſame Foot as they were the laſt Year. 3dly, That all his Forces ſhould immediately be made compleat, and that Twenty thouſand Men ſhould be tranſported early in the Spring into Pomerania, under the Command of Count Steinbock, in order to meet his Majeſty in Poland. 4thly, He enjoins the Senate not to hearken to any Propoſals of Peace, being reſolved to procure Tranquility for his Subjects himſelf, when he ſhall judge it a proper time. Notwithſtanding the firſt of theſe Orders, the States continue ſtill aſſembled, and the Regency does not ſeem diſpoſed to ſeparate them, till they have done all that is neceſſary for the Defence of the Kingdom. Some Merchants of this City have undertaken to fit out a Squadron, which is to be ſent to the Coaſts of Finland, and it is ſaid will be ready to ſet Sail within a Month.

*Madrid, February* 26. *N. S.* On the 14th Inſtant the Queen of Spain died in the 26th Year of her Age, and was buried on the 18th, with great Pomp, in the Monaſtery of St. Lawrence. His Majeſty having commited the Care of the Government for a Fortnight to Cardinal Giudice, remov'd immediately after her Death to the Palace of the Duke de Medina Celi, where he continues ſtill with the Prince and the two Infants. The Marquis de Caſtel-Rodrigo, who arrived ſome time ago from Sicily, is conſtituted Captain-General and Governor of this City, with a Yearly Salary of Twelve thouſand Crowns. For the better preſervation of the Publick Safety and Quiet, he is to have Four hundred Men under him, with Four Officers of Juſtice, who are to try all Malefactors. The Preſident of the Council of Caſtile has been dangerouſly Ill, but is now ſomething better. An Expreſs is arrived from Cadiz with an account, that Admiral de Pez ſet Sail from thence on the 21ſt with three large Men of War, in order to join the Fleet on the Coaſts of Catalonia. Letters from the Camp before Barcelona bring an account, that the Fleet had caſt Anchor near the Mouth of the River Llobregat, where the Marquis de Valdecannas, and ſome of the Troops were already diſembarked.

*Paris, March* 21. *N. S.* On the 14th Mareſchal Villars arrived here, and went the next Day to Verſailles, to give the King an Account of his Negotiations at Raſtad. His Majeſty received him very graciouſly, and has granted his Son the Reverſion of the Government of Province. Mareſchal Berwick is appointed by his Majeſty to go to Madrid, with a Compliment of Condoleance to the King of Spain upon the Death of his Queen. They write from Turin, that the Imperial Miniſter at that Court was order'd to leave the King of Sicily's Dominions in ten Days, by way of requital for the ſame Orders his Majeſty's Envoy had receiv'd at Vienna. Letters from Conſtantinople bring an Account, that the Bachas who had revolted in Aſia, were defeated by the Grand Signior's Army, upon which the Troops that were upon their March to thoſe Parts had been countermanded. The new Levies were continued with great diligence, and